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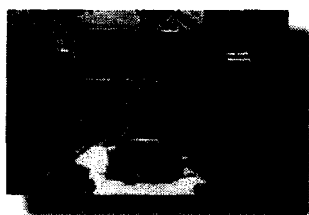
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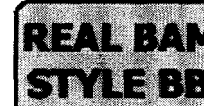
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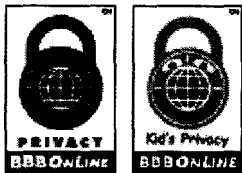
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## Panthers, Titans capture titles in Brookwood tournament

December 10, 2000

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By **JIMMY BOONE**  
Sports Correspondent

BROOKWOOD - There's no place like home.

Brookwood kept the championship trophy of the Brookwood Christmas Classic with a 56-39 win over West Blocton in the final on Saturday night.

In the girls' championship game, Holy Spirit held up against a late Shades Mountain charge to preserve a 38-35 win.

In consolation games, the Holy Spirit boys defeated Shades Mountain 52-50 while the West Blocton girls defeated Brookwood 62-34.

West Blocton took early control and opened up a 10-6 lead early in the second quarter.

After a timeout, Brookwood seemed to take control of the game.

"We had started in a 1-3-1 defense in the beginning of the game, and then we shifted to a man-to-man," said Brookwood coach Ray Hubbard. "In the second quarter we went back to the 1-3-1 and it seemed to confuse them."

Confusing was putting it mildly.



West Blocton seemed to throw passes straight to Brookwood players as the Panther roared to a 16-11 lead at the half.

"Our biggest problem was that we were not making shots on the offensive end in the first half," said Hubbard. "We did a lot better in the second half."

Brookwood moved ahead 31-23 in the third quarter and kept the pressure on in the fourth to give the Panthers the championship trophy.

B.J. Logan led Brookwood (6-4) with 14 while Cory Steele added 10.

West Blocton (3-5) was led by Travis Holt with 23.

In the girls championship game, Holy Spirit jumped out to a 10-4 lead, and did not seem to look back, until late in the game.

The Lady Titans built up a 22-11 halftime lead and 27-16 lead after three-quarters.

Suddenly, in the fourth quarter, the lady Eagles came to life, and Shades Mountain began to cut into the lead.

Holy Spirit led 35-33 late in the game, but free throw shooting by the Lady Titans preserved the win.

Natalie Barrett led Holy Spirit with 16 while Courtney Clark added 11.

Shades Mountain (1-7) was led by Jennifer Bryson with 13 and Brooke Daugherty with 10.

In the boys consolation game Holy Spirit led Shades Mountain 28-22 at the half.

In the third quarter, the Titans only allowed the Eagles to score two points, and jumped out to a 36-24 lead.

In the fourth quarter, Shades Mountain made a late charge, but the Titans held on for the win.

Michael Gilbert led Holy Spirit with 15 while Burnie Snipes added 11.

Shades Mountain was led by David Cunningham with 19 and Matt Ams with 15.

In the girls consolation game West Blocton led 36-22 at the half.

Theia Peterson led West Blocton with 18 followed by Jamama Hill with 16.

The West Blocton boys and girls teams will play at Hale County on Monday.

The Brookwood boys and girls will play on Thursday at Selma Southside.

#### Championship Boys

BROOKWOOD (56) - Logan 14, Steele 10, Person 9, Griffin 9, A. Squires 5, J. Squires 3, martin 3, Abston 2, McCullough 1.

WEST BLOCTON (39) - Holt 23, Snelson 8, Monk 5, Crawford 2, Massey 1.

#### Consolation Boys

HOLY SPIRIT (52) - Gilbert 15, Snipes 11, Paschall 8, Tant 6, Gray 6, Remmert 5, Spring 1.

SHADES MOUNTAIN (50) - Cunningham 19, Ams 15, Brusher 6, Blackwell 5, Carter 4, Batts 1.

#### Championship Girls

HOLY SPIRIT (38) - Barrett 16, Clark 11, Paschall 5, VanDenwood 2, Blue 2, Culp 1.

SHADES MOUNTAIN (35) - Bryson 13, B. Daugherty 10, L. Daugherty 6, White 3, Grossman 3.

Consolation Girls


WEST BLOCTON (62) - Peterson 18, Hill 16, Smith 9, Madison 7, Burns 4, Pierson 3, Hewlett 3, Washington 2.

BROOKWOOD (34) - Johnson 8, Watkins 8, Smith 6, Perry 6, Wilson 4, Dalton 2.



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### Brookwood to battle tough competition in 5A meet

By Jimmy Boone  
Sports Correspondent


February 2, 2001

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TUSCALOOSA - Last year a lot of people were surprised by the Brookwood High School wrestling team.

This year things will be different.

When the Alabama High School Athletic Association Tournament begins today at the Pelham Civic Center, Brookwood will have eight wrestlers participating. Two Tuscaloosa County High School wrestlers will compete in the Class 6A tournament.



Brookwood wrestler Rocky Townsend, left, a qualifier for the AHSAA tournament, locks up with Patrick Griffin of Tuscaloosa County in the Jan. 17 dual meet. Photo by Michael E. Palmer. The Tuscaloosa News.

Last year Brookwood brought home the state championship in Class 4A, but this year the Panthers will compete in Class 5A.

Tuscaloosa County High had one wrestler in the finals last year but fielded a full team this year.

"Its exciting to see how wrestling is growing in this area," said Brookwood coach Andy Stone. "Brookwood was the first in Tuscaloosa County, but this year TCHS fielded a full team, and Hillcrest had a wrestler too."

The Wildcats can thank Brookwood for the start of their program.

"It has been exciting to see us go from one wrestler, who did not even have a team to wrestle for two years ago, to 35 wrestlers this year," said TCHS coach Jamie Griffin. "We hope that other schools will add wrestling in the future."





Both coaches agreed that as interest grows, more students will want to participate.

"We didn't start out to be a trend setter, but we are glad to see other schools get involved in wrestling," said Stone.

Griffin has started a youth program for third-graders to eighth-graders, so there will be even more wrestlers in the future.

The program is for any students, no matter where he goes to school.

Wrestling came to TCHS two years ago when Blasen Archibald arrived from Wyoming.

Archibald and his brother, Pace, got involved in wrestling in youth programs.

When Blasen Archibald transferred to TCHS, he discovered that Brookwood was the only school in the county that fielded a team.

He began to travel from TCHS to Brookwood to practice, and he found success.

"Last year Blasen placed second in the state, losing in overtime," Griffin said. "This year he moved from the 130-pound class to the 135-pound class."

Blasen Archibald, who has posted a 33-0 record this season, earned his berth in the state tournament by winning the sectional championship.

His brother will wrestle in the 120-pound class.

"This is Pace's first time to qualify, but it's his second year to wrestle," said Griffin. "Pace placed third in his sectional."

Stone said one reason wrestling is such a popular sport is that anyone can participate and compete evenly.

"It is a unique sport in that kids who are a lot smaller can compete because you compete in weight classes," said Stone. "The 103-pound kids can compete as can the kid who weighs 200."

Stone said he is expecting a different caliber of competition in Class 5A.

"We know we will see a lot more competition and stronger teams than we faced last year," he said.

Last year the Panthers sent a team of 14 to the championships, but this year only eight qualified at the sectionals.

"The competition is a lot stronger and there is a lot more depth in 5A," said Stone. "There will be a tougher challenge this year as there are a lot of teams that are stronger from top to bottom."

Brookwood features a team with three juniors, and the rest are even younger.

Will Averette, a seventh-grader, will wrestle in the 112-pound class.

"Will has come a long way this year, and his goal is to go and win a

match and place at state," said Stone. "He the only one of our state finalists who did not wrestle last year."

Competing in the 119-pound class will be Reece Mauldin, who placed second in the 2000 state tournament.

"He is a 10th-grader this year, and he will have a couple of more years ahead," Stone said of Mauldin.

Stone said D.C. Hall was something of a surprise winner in the sectional in the 125-pound class.

"He was our only sectional champion, and he had to pull an upset to get to state," said Stone. "His goal is to be a state champion, but in the finals he may have to face Luke Wilson of Homewood, who he defeated in the sectionals."

Homewood, which qualified 14 wrestlers for the state meet, is considered by some to be the favorite.

"Homewood has a strong team with a lot of depth," said Stone. "With 14 qualifiers, they will be a challenge."

Brookwood's eight, however feature some experience.

Junior Rocky Townsend placed third last year in the state in the 130-pound class. Junior Bo Graham is a two-time state champion.

Stone said Graham suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his knee two weeks ago.

"He still hopes to bring in his third state championship," Stone said.

Graham will compete at 135 pounds. Last year he won in the 130-pound division.

Another defending state champion is junior Joey Ambrose.

Last year Ambrose was the winner in the 135-pound class. Now he's wrestling in the 140-pound division.

Brookwood's Russell Price and Michael Townsend qualified for the state tournament for the first time.

Price, a sophomore, will compete in the 145-pound class.

Michael Townsend, who will compete at 170 pounds, was a member of the junior varsity team last year.

"Price has come a long way in a year," said Stone. "He came in second in the sectionals, which was a great triumph for him."

"We had hoped to have more qualify, but some of our kids did not do as well as we hoped. That is also a sign of the tougher competition you will see in 5A."

Stone hopes that the success his team has had over the course of the season will carry over into the state championship.

"This team has been together for a long time and has overcome a lot of

injuries," said Stone "If everybody will meet his personal goals, we hope to have a successful meet."

With only eight wrestlers in the state meet, Stone said he is not anticipating a state championship, but he does hope to get some attention for the Panthers.

"We may not win the state with only eight qualifiers," said Stone, "but we do hope that people will know that we know how to wrestle at Brookwood."



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## A day in the life of a portable classroom

By JOHNNY KAMPIS  
October 22, 2000

Email this story.

**BROOKWOOD** - On a recent Tuesday morning, Brookwood High School French and English teacher Pam Holmes instructed her students to gather into groups to rewrite the Lewis Carroll poem "Jabberwocky." The students had to replace the author's made-up gibberish with real words.

The seventh-graders squeezed by each other and maneuvered their desks the best they could, but there wasn't a lot of room. And once they began talking, the noise of 20 different voices was amplified by the small classroom size.

When one group finished early, Holmes told the students, "Go ahead and put your desks back in place."

"I can't," replied Megan Criss, who was wedged against the desk of a student in another group.

Group exercises like this illustrate some of the disadvantages of portable classrooms in Alabama's schools.


Tuscaloosa County has 237 portables in its system. A few dozen of these will be eliminated by school construction projects either planned or nearing completion, but the county will still be left with more than 160 portables and no funds left to build new schools or classroom additions.

Gov. Don Siegelman recently deemed portables illegal and ordered school systems to dispose of them.

"I don't like them," Criss said of the portables in which she takes classes. "They're really small."

Brookwood High has 20 of the temporary structures, although temporary might not be the best description. Some county schools have had portables on campus for more than three decades.

Brookwood High hopes to be rid of them by the beginning of the 2002-2003 school year, when a new middle school should be completed. The new school will eliminate most of the portables in the school zone that



Jennifer Touchstone, standing, reads a short story to her eighth-grade English class in a portable classroom at Brookwood High School.  
*Photo by Joe Oliveira, The Tuscaloosa News.*



includes Vance and Brookwood elementary schools. Those schools have 17 and eight portables, respectively, bringing the zone total to 45.

The new Taylorville Primary, which should be ready for next school year, will alleviate overcrowding at Englewood Elementary, which has 33 portable classrooms.

Taylorville will split Englewood, which currently serves grades K-5. The new school will have K-2 children and Englewood will house grades 3-5.

"We're really excited about the upcoming split," Principal Steve Lamon said. "That's going to be a really happy day."

Englewood has more portables than any other school in the system. What once was a spacious recreational area for children in the back of the school is now dotted with mobile trailers and concrete walkways.

Teachers have had to make the best of the situation.

One decorated the air vent that runs the length of her classroom ceiling as a polka-dotted monster. Another painted an African mural on the side of her wooden trailer. First-grade teacher Terry Watkins enlisted the help of her husband to construct a reading loft for her students. Below the loft is a play area.

"I tried to fix it up a little bit," she said.

In 1997, Watkins left Northington Elementary after 10 years there, to come to Englewood. She cried when she got her first look at her new classroom.

"I came in this room and it had a desk and a filing cabinet," she said. "That's it."

She put curtains on the windows, added windowsills and flowers to the exterior, painted the steps red and added a border along the walls.

"I just couldn't stand it not lively," she said.

Many county educators have spent most of their early careers teaching in portables. Lamon said the teachers who received classrooms in the school building following a 10-classroom addition at Englewood a few years ago had more than 75 years of experience among them conducting classes in a portable.

(subhed) Built in the shop

Not all portables are created equal. When the county first developed a need for them around 1970, maintenance employees built wooden ones in the shop at the old Tuscaloosa County High.

While the professionally manufactured portables are generally long and narrow, these home-built ones are more square.

"It's more like a traditional classroom in size and shape," said Brookwood teacher Becky Brown.

Unlike the manufactured portables, which, with proper maintenance are supposed to last indefinitely, the county-built portables are beginning to deteriorate. Brown covers up one hole in hers with a filing cabinet.

There are 70 of the old wooden portables in the system, according to county schools spokesman John Merrill. The county stopped building them in the mid-1980s.

County Schools Superintendent Joyce Sellers hopes the two new schools will eliminate 74 portables in the Brookwood and Hillcrest school zones.

"That still leaves us with 163 portables, and no funding to eliminate those, and that's based on no growth," she said.

Enrollment at county schools has continued to climb annually, and the expansion of the Mercedes-Benz plant in Vance and construction of the Capstone Club, a recreational and residential community in Brookwood, is bound to have a significant impact on school enrollment.

(subhed) More to come

Several schools will still have a significant number of portables for years to come, and that number may even increase. Cottdale Elementary has 15. Holt and Northside high schools each have 14. Hillcrest Middle and Maxwell Elementary each have 12. Four other schools will still have double-digit numbers of portables, including Hillcrest High, opened in 1991, which will lead with 19 portables.

"It breaks my heart to look at Hillcrest High School," Sellers said of how quickly enrollment has overtaken the school's capacity.

Three times in the past decade Tuscaloosa County voters have rejected referendums to raise property taxes and increase funding for county schools. A fourth vote isn't likely anytime soon.

Tuscaloosa in the lower third of the state in its property tax rate, which may be a financial bonus for residents but is decried by school leaders.

"It's ridiculous that an area as sophisticated and economically well off as Tuscaloosa is that low," Sellers said.

Educators are looking at other ways to raise funds. School board members unsuccessfully approached the county commission earlier this year about raising the sales tax one percent.

In addition, the school board would like to increase the percentage of the sales tax it gets. Both the county and the city school systems receive 20 percent of county sales tax revenue under a plan developed when enrollment was virtually equal in the two systems. County students now outnumber city students by about 6,000.

The city system is much better off. Additions at Arcadia and Woodland Forrest elementary schools will eliminate the 11 portables at these two schools. A new Alberta Elementary school will make their two portable classrooms obsolete.

(subhed) Teaching in portables

Sellers believes many people don't understand the disadvantages of taking classes in a portable classroom.

"People say 'I live in a mobile home. What's wrong with it?'" she said.

But talk to teachers and students in portables and they are quick to provide a laundry list of complaints, including:

n Lack of space - This may be the biggest complaint. Not only do students have little room to move, with desks crammed together, but teachers have less space for their instructional materials. Storage closets in the classrooms add to the space crunch.

Brookwood teacher Holmes said she has to remove a desk from the front row so she can put her projector there.

The manufactured portables the county uses are 14 feet wide and 45 feet long. If there is a board at one end of the portable it can be tough to see the writing on the wall from the other end without binoculars, as Brookwood eighth-grader Roy Davis can attest.

"If you're sitting here," he said of his seat in English teacher Jennifer Touchstone's class, "you have to get up and walk down there to see it."

n Loud noise - The more the confined space, the more sound reverberates. It's an acoustical fact that students in portables are well aware of.

"I don't think it would be this loud in a regular classroom because they would all be spread out," Holmes said over the din.

Rainfall on the roofs is also louder than inside school buildings.

"You just have to learn to teach over all the noise," Brown said.

n Temperature - Since they have little insulation, portables lose heat slower in the spring and take longer to warm in the winter.

Holmes said the thermostat is set at 50 degrees Fahrenheit in winter when the portables are not in use, so it's always cold when she arrives in the morning.

"We're always freezing in first period," she said.

When children need to go to the restroom in the winter, they have to put on their cold weather gear first. Some portables aren't connected to walkways and don't have overhead protection, making entering and exiting in the rain a wet proposition.

"You have to run through the weather," Brookwood seventh-grader Chris Johnson said.

In the event of tornado watches and warnings, students must leave the portables, often through inclement weather, to reach the safety of the school building.

Oak Grove, the southwestern Jefferson County community that was leveled by a tornado a few years ago, is only about 25 miles away.

Brookwood Principal Wayne McBride worries about what might happen at his school if a tornado formed nearby.

"I have a fear of them," he said of portable classrooms.

n The long walk - It can take a while to get from the farthest portable to a classroom inside the building.

"It's too far from the school," Brookwood eighth-grade student Jessica Abernathy said. "You're always practically late."

Yet, for all their flaws, the portable classrooms do have some redeeming qualities, which teachers and students note eagerly.

They appreciate the privacy portables provide and once the temperature is regulated, it can be controlled. Most teachers inside the school building don't have that luxury.

"I've got teachers who don't want to be inside the main building," McBride said.

But according to Holmes the bad aspects of portable life outweigh the positives.

"Anybody would rather have a classroom than be in a portable," she said.

Englewood principal Lamon said the most negative aspect of portables may be their impact on the learning process.

"Being inside makes a difference," he said. "Try as we might, teaching is impacted."

Sellers believes differently. She said that good teachers make the best of the situation.

"Can I say that learning has been impacted by portables? No. I think that teachers overcompensate. They make it work."



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## Brookwood wrestlers outmuscle TCHS

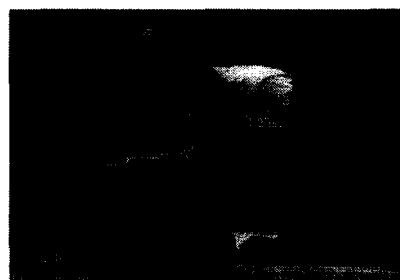
By Shane Youngblood  
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Email this story.

**NORTHPORT** - In a sport of force and muscle, leave it to the big men to provide the difference in high school wrestling.

Led by dominating wins by Sean Mason (heavyweight class), Luke Hayes (160-pound class) and Chris Morgan (189-pound class), the Brookwood Panthers' varsity wrestling team defeated Tuscaloosa County 46-30 as the 1999 Class 4A state champions tune up for sectional play.



The official gets down for a good look (background) as Rocky Townsend of Brookwood tries to pin Tuscaloosa County High's Partrick Griffin. Townsend won the 130-pound match. Photo by Michael Palmer. The Tuscaloosa News.

"We have a number of young heavyweights that are coming on strong," said Brookwood coach Andy Stone. "Those guys were the difference in the meet today."

Mason, a 275-pound ninth grader, has battled to keep his weight below the necessary limit of 275-pounds, according to Stone.

"Sean has improved every meet each and every time out," said Stone. "He has a chance to be a special wrestler if he can control his weight." Mason pinned Tuscaloosa County's Steve Reed in 2:21.

The Panthers won the meet despite wins by the Wildcats' Archibald brothers - Pace, Myles and Blasen - and the absence of Brookwood's two-time state champion Bo Graham, who was nursing a knee injury.

"As a competitor, you hate to lose at any time," said Tuscaloosa County coach Jamie Griffin. "But we are pleased at the improvement of our kids, who have come miles since we started this program."

"Our 160-pound and up wrestlers have struggled all year long and we have three wrestlers who are injured and two that are sick. We hope to have some of our missing kids back for sectionals."

Morgan pinned TCHS's Chad Todd in 2:29 while Hayes took just 22 seconds to defeat the Wildcats' Tim Johnson, who competing in his first varsity match.

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The highlights for the Wildcats included a 1:46 pin by Blasen Archibald (26-0) in the 136-pound class over Jason Woodward. Myles Archibald took a quick 56 second pin over Brookwood's Will Averett while Pace Archibald dominated Reese Mauldin 10-1 in points.

Brookwood's Rocky Townsend, who placed second in the state last season, whipped Tuscaloosa County's Patrick Griffin 9-1.

"Rocky is one of our leaders along with Reese," said Stone. "Reese finished second in the state last season, but he wasn't feeling well tonight and he ran into a good challenger."

According to Griffin, the Archibalds have served as the core of his young team this season.

"The key for us is that we have 35 kids out, and if we keep that number up, then we are going to be okay."

Complete results:

103-pound - Michael Hendrick (Brookwood) pinned Jason McGee

112-pound - Myles Archibald (TCHS) pinned Will Averett

119-pound - Pace Archibald (TCHS) 10-1 over Reese Mauldin

125-pound - D.C. Hall (Brookwood) pinned Terrance Garner

130-pound - Rocky Townsend (Brookwood) pinned Patrick Griffin

135-pound - Blasen Archibald (TCHS) pinned Jason Woodward

140-pound - Joey Ambrose (Brookwood) pinned Lance Hutchinson

145-pound - Dustin Johnson (TCHS) 4-1 over Chase Oglesby

152-pound - Kevin Hyche (TCHS) forfeit winner

160-pound - Luke Hayes (Brookwood) pinned Tim Johnson

171-pound - Jeremy Hall (TCHS) forfeit

189-pound - Chris Morgan (Brookwood) pinned Chad Todd

215-pound - John Armayor (TCHS) forfeit winner

Heavyweight - Sean Mason (Brookwood) pinned Steve Reed





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## Brookwood band voted Most Entertaining at annual showcase

**By JOSH JACKSON**  
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BROOKWOOD - Brookwood High School's marching band members got a little boost for weeks of hard work when the group was awarded Most Entertaining Band for the second year in a row at the 19th annual Tuscaloosa County Showcase of Bands, held at Tuscaloosa County High Oct. 7.

Nineteen bands from West Alabama competed. Brookwood's band also received the Grand Champion Award, an award based on combining all scores from drumline and color guard to marching skill and general effect.

Other awards include Best in Class, Best Drum Major, Color Guard, Percussion and Majorettes.

The win was the culmination of weeks of hard work in a single afternoon, in which Brookwood High performed a show called "Pirates: The Voyage for Hidden Treasure."

Brookwood band director Craig Henson said that, conceptually, the show was designed to engage the audience in a pirate's life.

"Basically we feel like we've been successful if they've felt like we have portrayed the image," Henson said. "I designed the whole show and had the music written just for us."

All the color guard, majorettes and drum major were dressed as pirates, said Henson.


"We researched the ranking of deckhands, sea captains and such, and picked the costumes that put us in the period," he said.

Senior drum major Britt Payne, clad as the dreaded Captain Hook, said dressing like a pirate helps him become a part of the show.

"I'm all decked out. I have an earring and an eye patch," Payne said. "I also have a little [fake] parrot on my shoulder. Everybody calls him Billy Bob."

Henson and his wife Heather started working on the show in March.

"She did all the drill design and flag design, and I put it all together and



selected the music," Henson said. "We're still adding stuff to the show: fireworks and panel fronts that look like treasure chests will conceal the xylophones."

Henson was inspired by the Madison Scouts Drum Corp, which played a similar show in 1997, as well as a pirate show at Disney World.

"I rode the Pirates of the Caribbean probably four or five times just to get an idea of the scenery and the music they played," Henson said.

Henson's next chore was creating a list of popular pirate songs. Henson said he spent an hour or two in the gift shops at Disney World looking at pirate items, videos and music.

"My theory is you should entertain the crowd and by entertaining it's good enough and sophisticated enough for you to win," Henson said. "If you find music people can associate with and tie it all together with good design, people will be very impressed."

The Brookwood band plans to compete Nov. 4 at the West Alabama Marching Festival in Gordo.



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## Brookwood High has a handle on the issues

By Johnny Kampis  
Staff Writer  
February 9, 2001

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BROOKWOOD — During Wednesday's yearbook production class at Brookwood High, sponsor Kristie Gray asked her students to find a teen-ager planning to get a piercing or a tattoo. She's hoping for a photo of a needle entering the skin or of the unclean surroundings in a dumpy tattoo parlor to show the reality of such activities.

This sense for issues important to teenagers and an eye for creativity helped the school's yearbook students earn a distinguished award from Columbia University for excellence in yearbook composition.

The school is one of only 40 nationwide to receive the Crown Award handed out by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. Brookwood is believed to be the first school in Alabama to win one in more than a decade.

"It's been like a dream come true," said junior Kali Ledbetter, who is in her second year of yearbook production.

The school's yearbook, the Pantheron, was judged not only on its creativity in design and the quality of its photography, but also on its incorporation of real-world issues.

"That's a hot thing in high school yearbook now, more than just rah, rah, rah, look at our school," Gray said.

The 2000 edition of the publication contained interviews with students and facts on eating disorders and different types of families.

In 1999, the staff produced a couple of pages on teen-age tobacco use



The yearbook staff at Brookwood High School works during the morning school hours. Editors, writers and photographers move back and forth throughout the classroom making sure all the assignments are taken care of. *Photo by Porfirio Solorzano. The Tuscaloosa News.*



that omitted names and faces.

"We had a lot of kids talk about why they did what they did," Gray said. "We tried to emphasize the negative aspects of it."

Junior Samantha May said the students brainstorm ideas early in the year, and with Gray's help, decide which to pursue for the next year's edition.

The students, ranging from seventh-graders to seniors, split into teams and work together on the selected ideas. Most students are involved in producing 10 to 12 pages of the yearbook.

"We work well together," Kali said.

Like any other yearbook, the Pantheron has information on the prom or the football team, but it also features interactive quizzes like many teen magazines and articles on topics such as block scheduling and increased student fees.


Edmund Sullivan, director of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, said judges in the competition look for the best combination of creative ideas and layout. Few more than 5 percent of entries win the Crown Award.

"It's a fairly competitive way of looking at how they stack up against one another," he said.



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## EEF board awards more than \$12,000 in grants

By JOHNNY KAMPIS

November 16, 2000

Email this story.

TUSCALOOSA - Grants awarded this week by the Tuscaloosa County Schools' Educational Excellence Foundation will allow teachers to buy materials or complete projects to aid student learning.

The EEF board handed out 51 grants totaling \$12,201.40 to 69 teachers at various county schools Monday.

The foundation was created in 1994 for the purpose of raising funds for teacher grants. In February, it handed out 26 grants.

Jerry Tingle, president of the board, said only a few teachers who applied for those grants did not receive them. There were 254 applications this time - about 25 percent of all county teachers.

Joyce Sellers, superintendent of Tuscaloosa County Schools, said she was pleased to see a large number of teachers apply for the grants.

Most of the grants awarded were between \$200 and \$250. None of the grants exceeded \$250.

Jennifer Carmichael and Bob Way, guidance counselors at Brookwood Elementary, will use their \$250 to purchase additional books to enhance their existing reading program. Students can check out fiction with themes on life issues such as death and anger, according to Carmichael, and they can discuss what they've read with the counselors.

Nancy Hartley, a kindergarten teacher at Crestmont Elementary, plans to purchase material to create a habitat for insects by planting flowering bushes and building insect houses in the courtyard outside her classroom window.

"It's something I've wanted to do, but the cost has been prohibitive," she said. "This will afford me the opportunity."

Hartley said she hopes to have some money remaining to pay for field trips to the Children's Hands-On Museum and the University of Alabama arboretum.

Tingle said more grants will be awarded next February, and he hopes the board will be able to double its grant total, as it did for the latest batch.



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Sellers said the board provides a needed boost for classroom support.

"It's one of the best sources of funding we have for innovative classroom programs," she said.

#### Educational Excellence Foundation Grants 2000:

Deborah Burns - Special Education teacher, Brookwood Elementary - plans to purchase materials to make "Survival" kits containing pre-vocational and self-help activities as well as materials for practicing reading, math and language arts skills. Students will work through the kit at their individual pace and be evaluated at the end of the year. - Awarded \$152.98

Jennifer Carmichael/Bob Way - Counselors, Brookwood Elementary - plans to purchase additional novels to enhance their existing "Brown Bag" reading program, a successful reading motivator. Additional novels will eliminate the need to share a book or wait until a book is available. - Awarded \$250.00

Jane Crowe - 5th grade teacher, Brookwood Elementary - will purchase a printer for her classroom. The students will use the existing computer and printer to create journals about science experiments in the classroom. - Awarded \$250.00

Kim Ferguson - 1st grade teacher, Brookwood Elementary - plans to purchase "Theme" kits that correlate with the objectives in the Alabama State Course of Study. These kits contain theme-central props and guides that will enhance the science and social studies curriculum. - Awarded \$250.00

Janis Johnson - 2nd grade teacher, Brookwood Elementary - plans to purchase 19 photograph albums (1 per student), a Polaroid camera and 10 boxes of film. These materials will be used by students in making a journal that will be a history of the year's activities (field trips and visits by resource persons). The students will gain language arts skills appropriate for successful photojournalists. - Awarded \$250.00

Linda Shiller - 6th grade teacher, Brookwood Elementary - plans to purchase a class set of the book Number the Stars by Lois Lowry. This set of books will be used as a catalyst for their research program. - Awarded \$250.00

Robin Maddox - Tech Biology teacher, Brookwood High School - plans to build a marine (salt water) environment in her classroom to build interest and enthusiasm in her marine biology classes by providing concrete and observable examples of the underwater world. - Awarded \$250.00

Dawne Gibson - 5th grade teacher, Buhl Elementary - plans to purchase science kits that will provide materials for hands-on activities and experiments in the classroom. - Awarded \$226.60

Denise McMillian - 3rd grade teacher, Buhl Elementary - plans to purchase "The Four Blocks Reading" program, which will provide opportunities for students to read and write based on multi-level materials. - Awarded \$219.98

Gloria Hamner - Music Rotation teacher, Collins-Riverside Middle - plans to purchase a portable keyboard, cassette player and Global music and videos from a program entitled "World of Music. The program would emphasize teaching cultural diversity through music. - Awarded \$250.00